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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jerry T. Rahll

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 14 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-13 and 15-18 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/30/03, 5/23/05.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 30 October 2003 and 23 May 2005 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements are being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

3. The drawings submitted have been reviewed and determined to facilitate understanding of the invention. The drawings are accepted as submitted.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 8-13 are objected to because of the following informalities: In Claim 8, the term "PSP monitoring unit" does not have an immediately clear meaning. Language more clearly describing the unit, similar to the identification of the "polarization controller (PC)" described in Claim 1, would be preferable. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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6. Claims 1 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,271,952 to Epworth.

7. Epworth describes a polarization mode dispersion compensator (Figures 2, 6, 12) having a separator (8) that aligns orthogonal first and second polarization components (see Col 4 Lns 18-65) of a received optical signal (6) with respect to two orthogonal axes of a polarization beam splitter (8) using optical signal information output via a second path (11) of a first path (12) and the second path of the two outputs of the polarization beam splitter, splits the first and second polarization components, and transmits the first polarization component via the first path and the second polarization component via the second path; and a differential time delay remover (19) that receives the first and second polarization components that has been split to remove a differential time delay between the first and second polarization components (see Cols 5, 8 and 10). The method of applicant's Claim 14 is embodied in the above discussed dispersion compensator device.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 2-13 and 15-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claims 2-7 and 15 describe a band-pass filter that filters a particular frequency component of an electrical spectrum, of an electrical signal from an optical tap. Claims 8-13 and 17 describe a PSP monitoring unit that receives the optical signal via the second path, reflects a portion of the optical signal and transmits the remaining portion of the optical signal to calculate a power of the transmitted portion of the optical signal. Claim 16 describes diverging a portion

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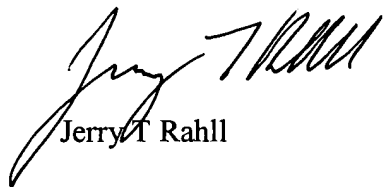
of the coupled optical signal output from the second polarization beam splitter and transmitting the remaining portion of the optical signal. Claim 18 describes coupling the reflected optical signal of the first polarization component to the optical signal of the second polarization component reflected via the second path, circulating the coupled optical signal and diverging the coupled optical signal. This is subject matter not described or reasonably suggested by the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry T. Rahll whose telephone number is (571) 272-2356. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (8:30-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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